

# Housing First



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# Welcome and Introductions

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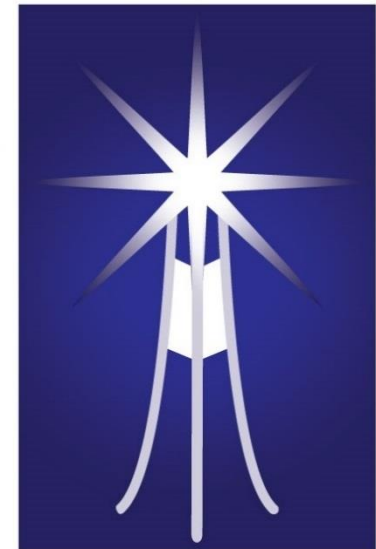
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## **Vision**

Easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve

## **Mission**

Leading an accountable and effective continuum of care to support Georgians with behavioral health challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in a dynamic health care environment



**DBHDD**

# Housing Opportunities for People with Behavioral Health Needs

- DBHDD's vision addresses community-based living for people seeking a life of recovery and independence
- Values
- Housing is essential to recovery and independence
- Informed choice must anchor the selection of any housing option
- Access to a full continuum of housing options is fundamental to informed choice
- Successful living arrangements are integrated in local communities

# Housing Opportunities for People with Behavioral Health Needs

- Address our most pressing challenges first
  - Georgia's settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
  - Locating, building, and renovating housing options to support settlement population
- The original settlement agreement has been extended with a target end date of June 30, 2018

# Housing Opportunities for People with Behavioral Health Needs

## Future Housing Continuum Must Provide:

- A wide array of high-quality options for permanent housing accessible statewide
- Stabilized living arrangements that are able to support clinical needs
- Community integration
- Service providers anchored in strengths-based approach that seeks to find and develop homes that facilitate recovery and independence
- Community partners actively engaged with DBHDD in planning and development

# Evolution of Housing Models



Institution  
Shelter  
Living on the  
Street

24-hour  
supervised  
congregate setting  
transitional  
housing models

Supervised shared  
apartment settings

# The Emergency of the PSH Model

- De-Institutionalization and the lack of adequate or sufficient community support services
- Growing criticism of a linear approach to residential models
- Effectiveness of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Independent Living Centers to meet needs in the community
- PSH emerged and combined a flexible array of services with access to decent, safe, affordable housing



# PSH Core Principles

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choice in housing</li><li>• Functional separation of housing and services</li><li>• Decent, safe and affordable housing</li><li>• Housing integration</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rights of tenancy</li><li>• Housing access and privacy</li><li>• Flexible, voluntary recovery – focused services</li></ul> |
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# DBHDD Supported Housing and Residential Support Initiatives

Need for Supported  
Housing  
Survey Tool

Community  
Residential  
Rehabilitation (CRR)

Crisis Respite  
Apartments (CRA)

Georgia Housing  
Voucher Program  
(GHVP) and Bridge  
Funding

Housing First  
Training

DCA/DBHDD  
HUD 811 & HCV

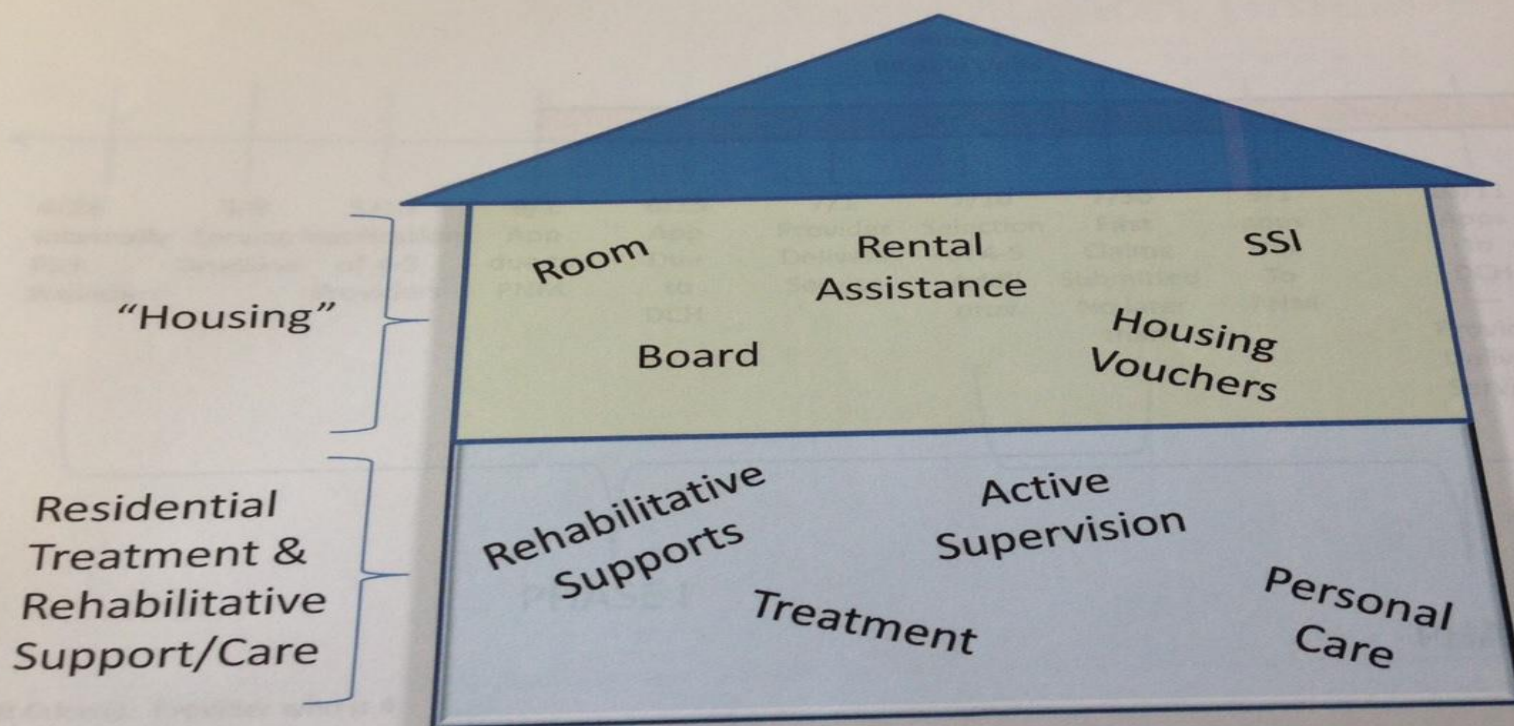
## Welcome to Need for Supported Housing Survey (NSH)

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is committed to providing choices for housing, based on complete information, including the individual's needs, preferences, and the appropriate, available housing options. DBHDD values housing as essential to recovery and independence, informed choice must anchor the selection of any housing option, access to a full range of housing options is fundamental to informed choice and successful living arrangements are integrated in local communities. Please refer to DBHDD Policy, 01-120, Supported Housing Need and Choice Evaluation. [\*\*\*Click here for Additional Information.\*\*\*](#)

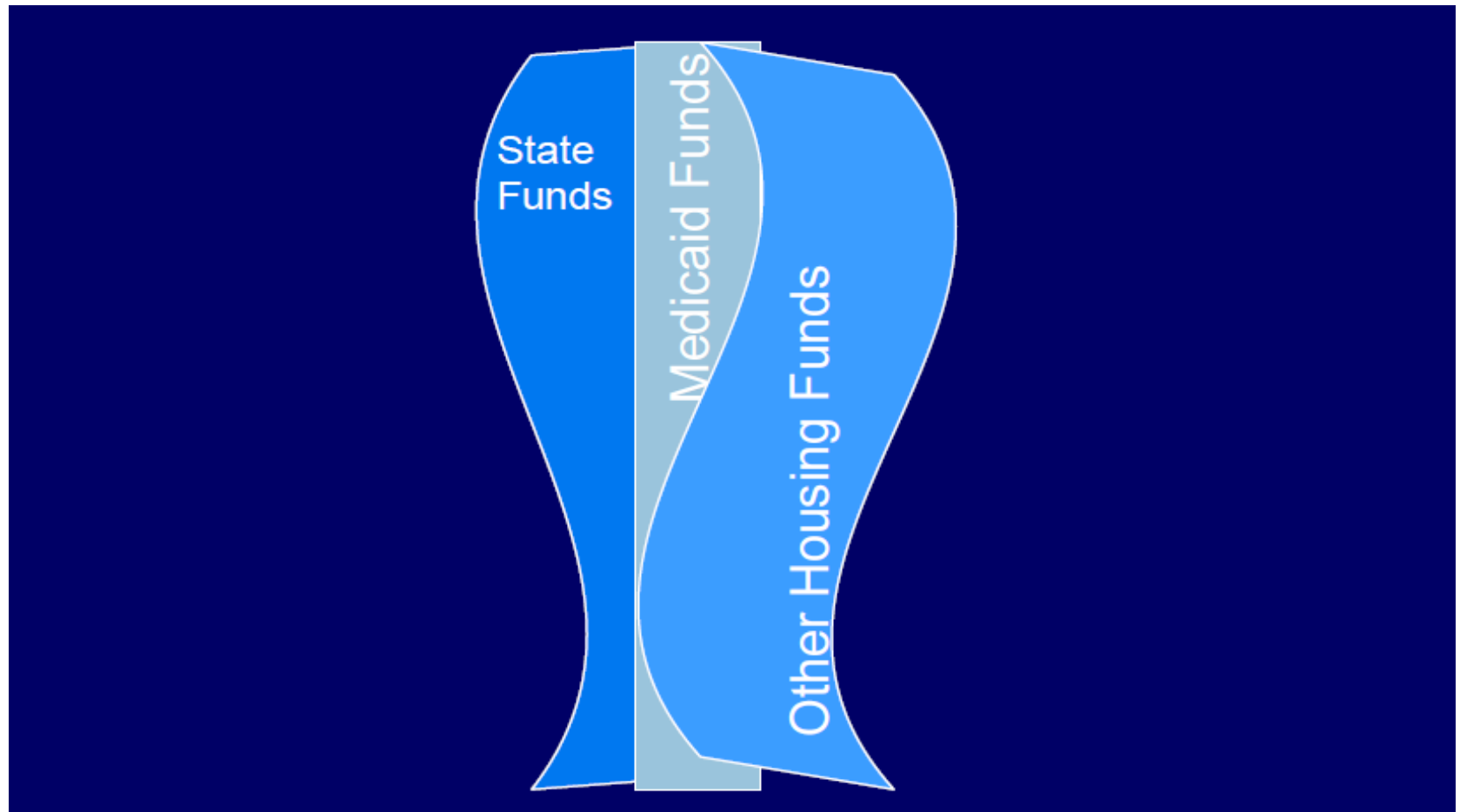
***NSH SURVEY LOG IN***

# Paradigm Shift

## “Residential” Snapshot: Status



# Residential Funding Future



# Paradigm Shift

- Shift to recovery-oriented service system based on Housing First principles
  - Ensure that people with serious behavioral health conditions have recovery opportunities optimally adapted to the challenges confronting them.
- Help providers modify existing residential programs

# Crisis Respite Apartments

- Offers crisis respite for an individual who needs a supportive environment when
  - Transitioning back into the community from a psychiatric inpatient facility, crisis stabilization unit (CSU), or 23-hour observation area
  - Preventing an admission or readmission into a psychiatric inpatient facility, CSU, or 23-hour observation area and can be safely served in a voluntary community-based setting

# Georgia Housing Voucher (GHVP) and Bridge Funding

- **Georgia Housing Voucher** helps with safe and affordable housing to support integration into the community
- **Supported Housing**
  - Integrated, permanent housing with tenancy rights, linked with flexible community-based services available to consumers when they need them, but not mandated as a condition of tenancy.
  - All individuals with financial means will be required to contribute a portion of their income towards their living expenses (tenant paid utilities, rent, and initial start-up expenses)
- Ensures that housing is distinct from support services
- Tenant has the ability to choose potential housing locations
- **Bridge funding** provides financial subsidy to support rental deposits, utilities, furniture, and household goods



# DBHDD Housing First Training FY 2017

## Residential and Intensive Community Services

- Harm Reduction
- Motivational Interviewing
- Functional Assessment of Need and Payoff Matrix/Substitution of Positive Behaviors
- Integrated care as an engagement strategy
- Risk Assessment and Safety Management
- Implementing a Decentralized Compliance Program
- Providing Medicaid reimbursable services, documentation
- Staff Safety Skills
- Implementing the Health Assurance Protocol

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# Questions

